



65th Anniversary D-Day Quiz

1. **What year did the D-Day landings take place?**
 - a. 1944
 - b. 1945
 - c. 1946

2. **What was the original planned date for the D-Day landings?**
 - a. 5th June
 - b. 6th June
 - c. 7th June

3. **What was the actual date of D-Day?**
 - a. 5th June
 - b. 6th June
 - c. 7th June

4. **On the dawn of D-Day British forces secured a vital bridge across the Orne River. Commonly known as Pegasus Bridge, where did it get its name?**
 - a. a nearby horse farm
 - b. code name for the pre-dawn raid
 - c. emblem of British paratroopers

5. **Had D-Day been postponed, the next opportunity would have been 19th June. What was the weather like on that day?**
 - a. dead calm
 - b. worst storm in decades
 - c. intense fog with zero visibility

6. **What significant event in WWII occurred just two days before the D-Day landings?**
 - a. the Russians defeated the Germans at Kursk
 - b. General Mac Arthur returned to the Philippines
 - c. Rome fell to the Allies

7. **Who was the Supreme Commander of D-Day?**
 - a. Field Marshall Montgomery
 - b. General Eisenhower
 - c. Winston Churchill

8. **What was the codename for the invasion of Normandy?**
 - a. Operation Overlord
 - b. Operation Overland
 - c. Operation Overcoat

9. **What was the name of the British pigeon that flew to Britain from Normandy with the first news of the invasion?**
 - a. Gerald
 - b. Geoffrey
 - c. Gustav

10. **What was the number for the total Allied Forces casualties at the end of D-Day?**
 - a. 3,500
 - b. 8,700
 - c. 10,000
11. **The American cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer is on American soil**
 - a. true
 - b. false
12. **Which two of these D-Day Normandy beaches were British?**
GOLD, JUNO, OMAHA, SWORD
13. **What was the original code for Juno beach?**
 - a. Goldfish
 - b. Catfish
 - c. Jellyfish
14. **How many allied vessels took part in the invasion?**
 - a. 13,878
 - b. 5,265
 - c. 12,967
15. **How many divisions participated in the initial amphibious assault?**
 - a. twelve
 - b. four
 - c. six
16. **What was the German airpower presence over the landing beaches on D-Day?**
 - a. none
 - b. a single sortie of two fighters
 - c. a flight of six planes all shot down as they reached the beaches
17. **What was the total width of the D-Day invasion front on the Normandy beaches?**
 - a. 12.4 miles
 - b. 61.7 miles
 - c. 42.0 miles
18. **In which newspaper's crosswords did several secret D-Day codenames appear?**
 - a. The Daily Sketch
 - b. Daily Telegraph
 - c. The Times
19. **What was the codename for the seaborne invasion?**
 - a. Operation Neptune
 - b. Operation Poseidon
 - c. Operation Atlantis
20. **Which one of the following four films is not about D-Day?**
 - a. The Longest Day
 - b. Saving Private Ryan
 - c. Where Eagles Dare
 - d. The Eagle has Landed
21. **Which one of the following actors starred in two of those films?**
 - a. Michael Caine
 - b. Tom Hanks
 - c. Richard Burton

- 22. Which Hollywood actor took part in the real-life deception plan to persuade the Germans that the D-Day landings would take place in the Mediterranean?**
- Peter Ustinov
 - David Niven
 - Errol Flynn
- 23. What was the codename for the American Army's offensive during the eight weeks after D-Day?**
- Operation Cobra
 - Operation Anaconda
 - Operation Python
- 24. What was the nickname for German defences along east and northern coasts of France?**
- Channel Wall
 - North Sea Wall
 - Atlantic Wall
- 25. How many countries comprised the Allied Expeditionary Forces?**
- 4
 - 7
 - 12
- 26. Name four of those countries that were part of Allied Expeditionary Forces.**
- 27. Who was the British Prime Minister during D-Day?**
- Winston Churchill
 - Clement Atlee
 - Neville Chamberlain
- 28. Why was German Field Marshall Erwin Rommel absent from the start of the Normandy invasion?**
- he had malaria
 - he was celebrating his wife's birthday in Germany
 - he was receiving an award in Berlin.
- 29. What was the codename to the build up to D-Day in Britain?**
- Operation Flamenco
 - Operation Polka
 - Operation Bolero
- 30. What does the D in D-Day stand for?**
- Deliverance
 - Debarcation
 - Doom
 - none of the above

Answers

1. a; 2. a; 3. b; 4. a; 5. b; 6. c; 7. b; 8. a; 9. c; 10. c;
11. true; 12. GOLD, SWORD; 13. c; 14. a; 15. c; 16. b; 17. b; 18. b;
19. a; 20. d; 21. c; 22. b; 23. a; 24. c; 25. c; 26. GB, USA, Canada, Australia,
Belgium, France, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Poland;
27. a; 28. b; 29. c; 30. d - trick question: D is derived from the word Day. Means the day
on which a military operation begins.